



## Dear Parents and Families,

La Paloma Academy Central is pleased to present a distance learning option for families who wish to keep their children at home during this public health crisis. We've reflected on what has been effective from our fourth quarter distance learning and summer programs and are ready to provide a rigorous academic curriculum that will mimic what their peers will learn. This will allow you to ensure your child gets the education they deserve while away from school.

### When does this start?

It will start on Monday, August 17th. All students will be remote between August 6th and August 14th. The Distance Learning Coordinator may be in touch with you and your family before this date to assist with setting up any accounts and discuss expectations regarding due dates.

### How long will this last?

This program will last as long as it needs to. Requirements from the state can change weekly and without warning. We will follow whatever they ask of us.

### What will this look like?

Just like with our fourth quarter, there will be an online and written packet component provided to students each week. Packets will be created by classroom teachers and sent to the Distance Learning Coordinator to get out to students. They will be uploaded electronically and/or copied for pickup. A list of assignments will be provided on Google Classroom. Students will complete their assigned work throughout the week.

The Distance Learning Coordinator will provide a virtual meeting once or twice a week for each grade level. Depending on enrollment numbers, your child may also work with a qualified paraprofessional to assist them with their work. Teachers will receive completed packets and online work, then assign students a grade for each assignment. The Distance Learning Coordinator and classroom teacher will keep in touch with families using Class Dojo, email, or phone.

### Will my child get the same work as their classmates?

As much as possible, yes! Your child will receive any textbooks, fiction books, and curriculum their peers use in the classroom. We will also include all videos and supplemental materials the teachers share in class.

Once the spread of Covid-19 is significantly down, can my child return to their classroom? Yes! Your child will be assigned a teacher at the start of the year and will take up a "spot" in the class roster so we will always have room for them to return to class.

### If my family has to be quarantined for two weeks, can my child enroll in LPAC Distance Learning for those two weeks?

Yes. When this situation arises, the Distance Learning Coordinator will work with your family to ensure your child's education is not disrupted. Should they develop symptoms and are too sick to do their schoolwork, please follow our attendance procedures.

### Besides packets and textbooks, what else will my child use?

Your child will be given a login to Google Classroom, where they will have a class with their grade level peers also enrolled in LPAC Distance Learning. We use a wide variety of online learning tools; here are some of the main platforms each grade utilizes:

- **Kindergarten - Scholastic Let's Find Out, Science Spin, Raz Kids, Starfall**
- **1st - Raz Kids and Headsprout**
- **2nd - Science Spin, Starfall, ABC Mouse**
- **3rd - Raz Kids, Prodigy, eSpark**
- **4th - Scholastic, Prodigy, Mathantics**
- **5th - Scholastic, Prodigy, eSpark, Reading A-Z**
- **6th - Into Literature, Storyworks**
- **7th/8th - IXL, Into Literature**

Many of these online platforms provide real-time feedback to students and their families and adjust their rigor based on the student's level. All students/families will receive a document with account information and their logins to ensure they have access. Students will also need either a laptop or tablet with internet access. Phones are not recommended for LPAC Distance Learning. Should your household not have a device like this, please let us know and we will find an accommodation.

### If my child is in Special Education or is an English Learner, can they still be in this program?

Yes! Any required minutes for these types of services will be given remotely by their instructors. Students enrolled in Title 1 may also receive remote services from their paraprofessional.

### What about specials (computer, PE, music)?

Specials teachers will send links and assignments to Distance Learning students for enrichment opportunities.

### Who is the Distance Learning Coordinator?

Mrs. Cinalli is the Distance Learning Coordinator for La Paloma Academy Central. She has been with La Paloma Academy Central for nine years and has five years classroom teaching experience, works regularly with all staff members, and has a deep understanding of the state standards and curriculum for each grade level. She is also a certified Google Level 1 Educator and is highly proficient in using online tools for educational purposes.

### How can I sign up?

Please click on this link to direct you to the signup form! This will enroll you in LPAC Distance Learning and you will begin to receive information from our Distance Learning Coordinator.

As we all know, guidelines for schools can change quickly. You will continue to receive updates regarding school reopening, as well as this new distance learning program.

For any other questions related to LPAC Distance Learning, please contact Mrs. Cinalli at a cinalli@lpacutucson.org for help.